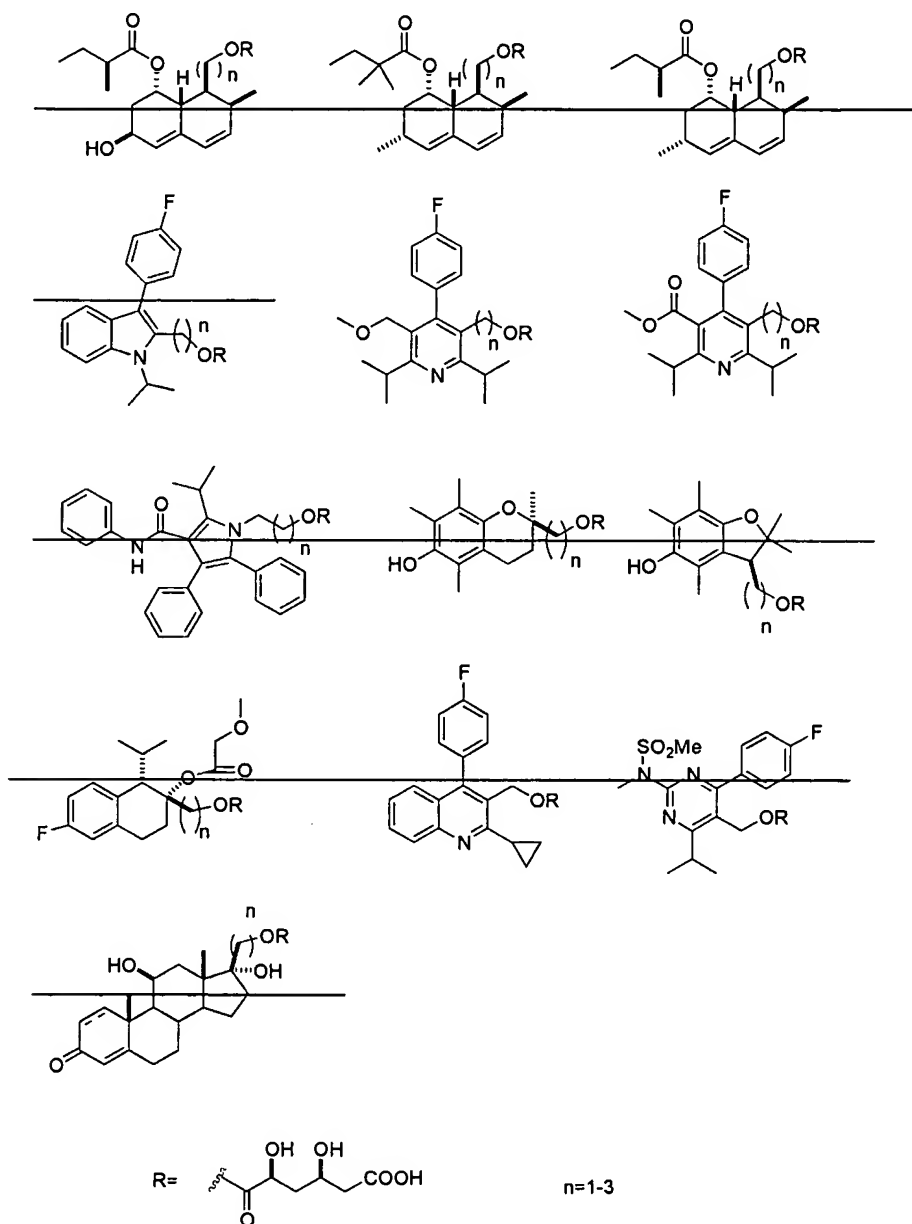


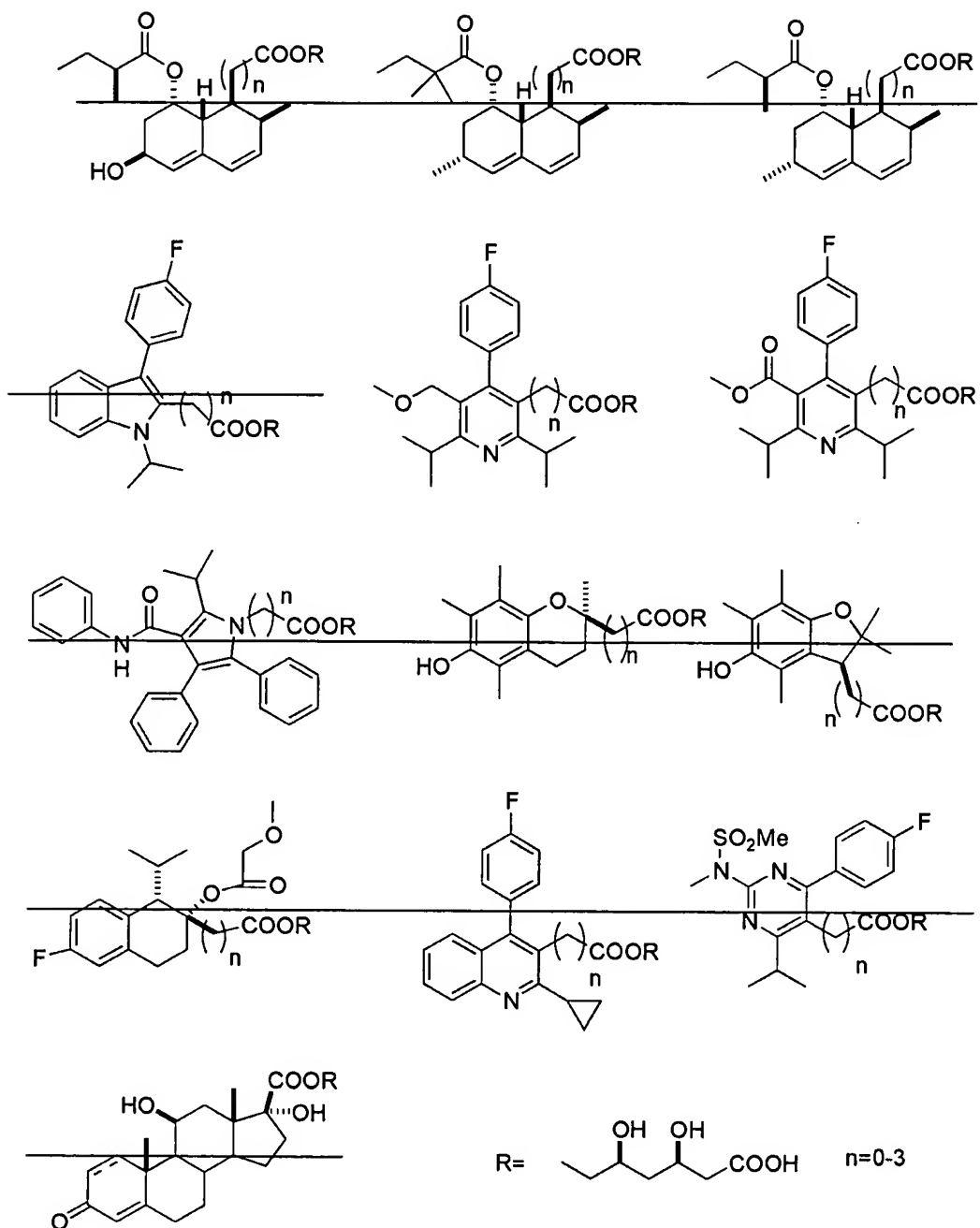
The Listing of Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Canceled).

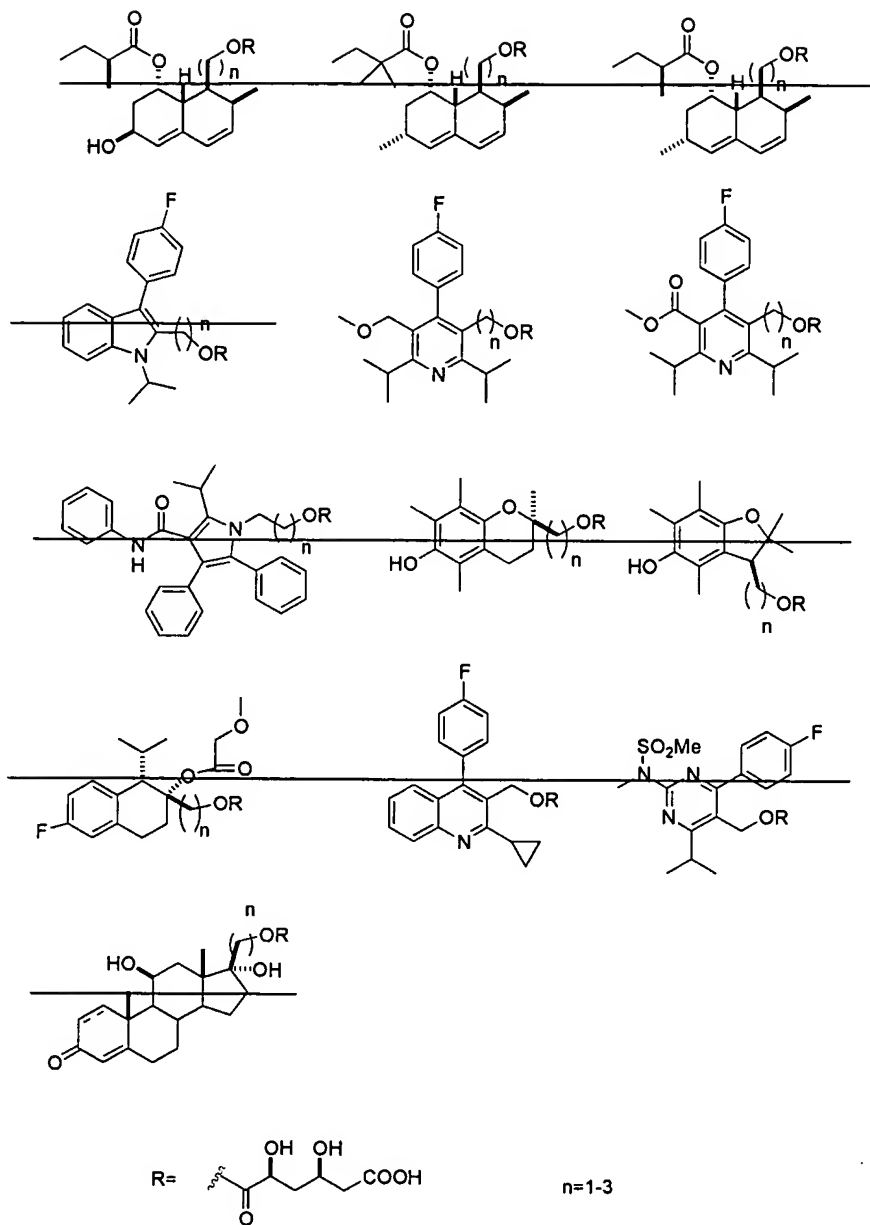
Claim 2 (Currently Amended). An inhibitor of HMG-CoA ~~reductase~~ having reductase having a structure selected from the group consisting of:





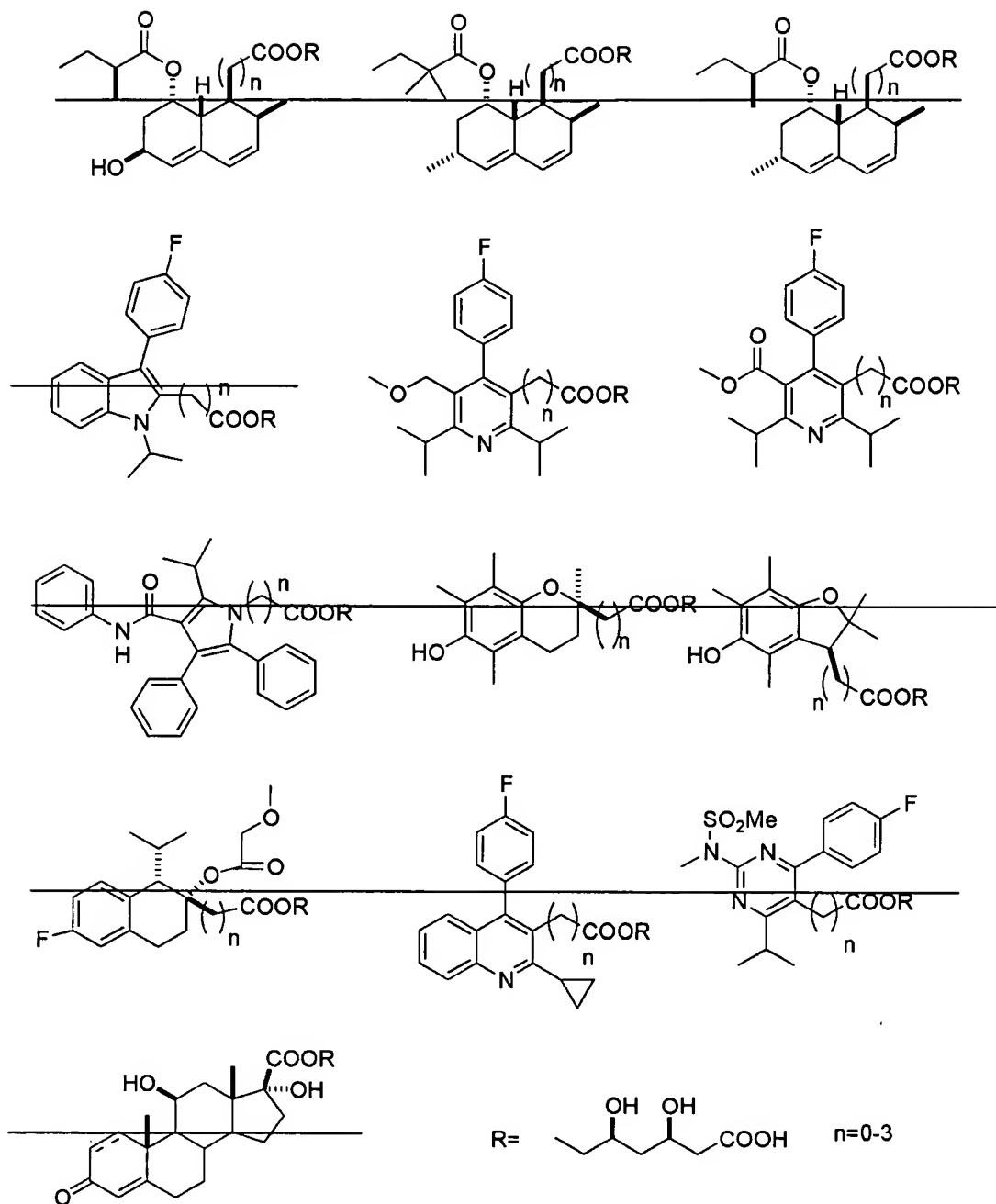
and salts thereof.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended). The compound, according to claim 2, wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:



and salts thereof.

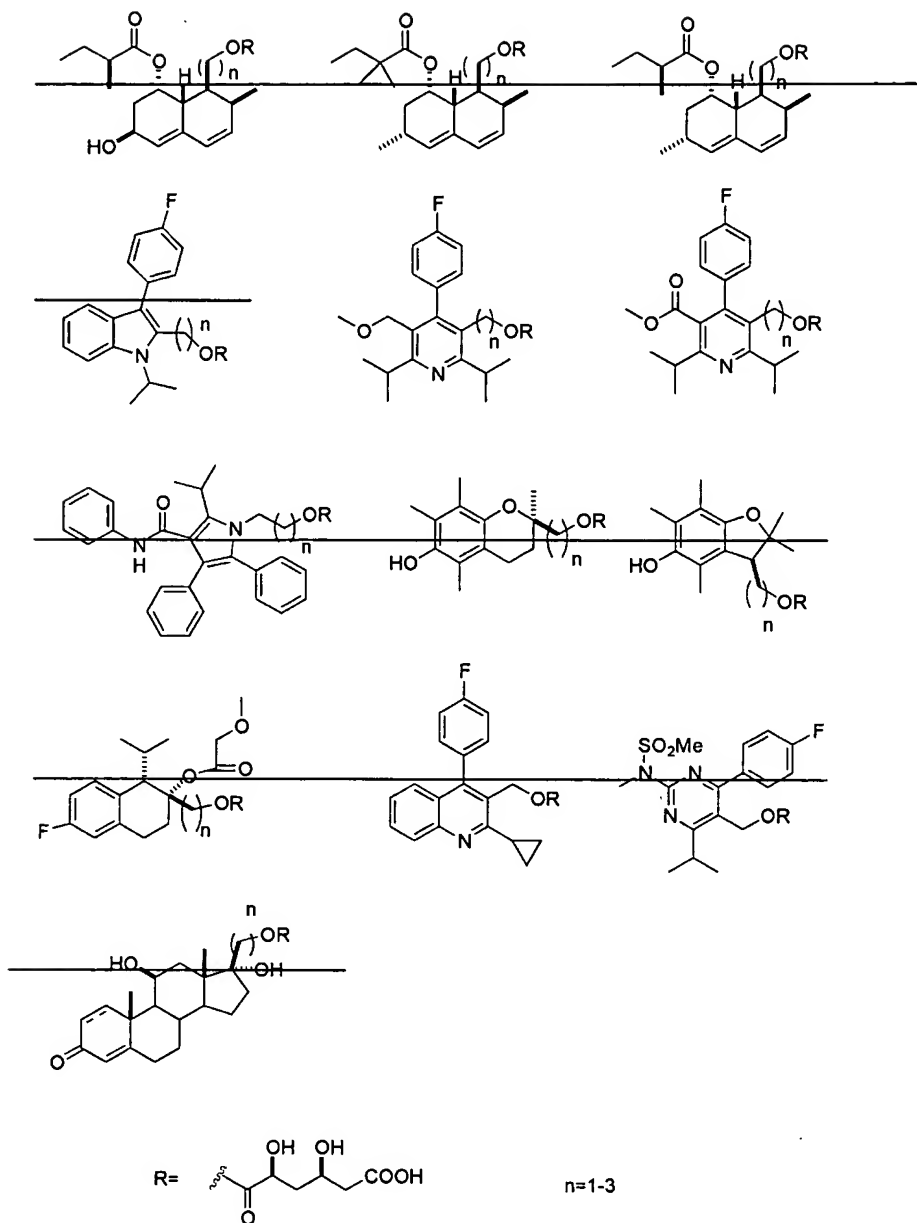
Claim 4 (Currently Amended). The compound, according to claim 2, wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:

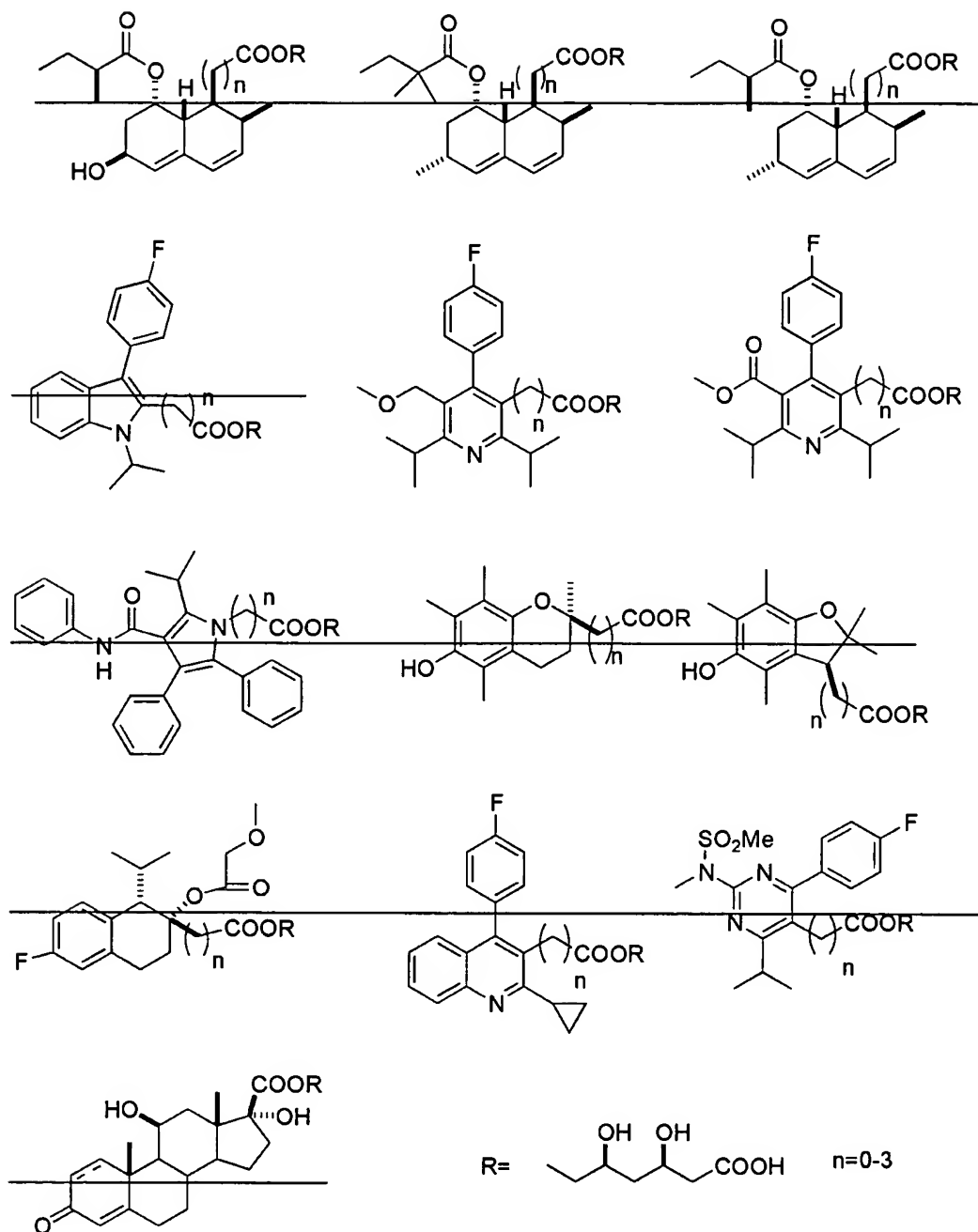


and salts thereof.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

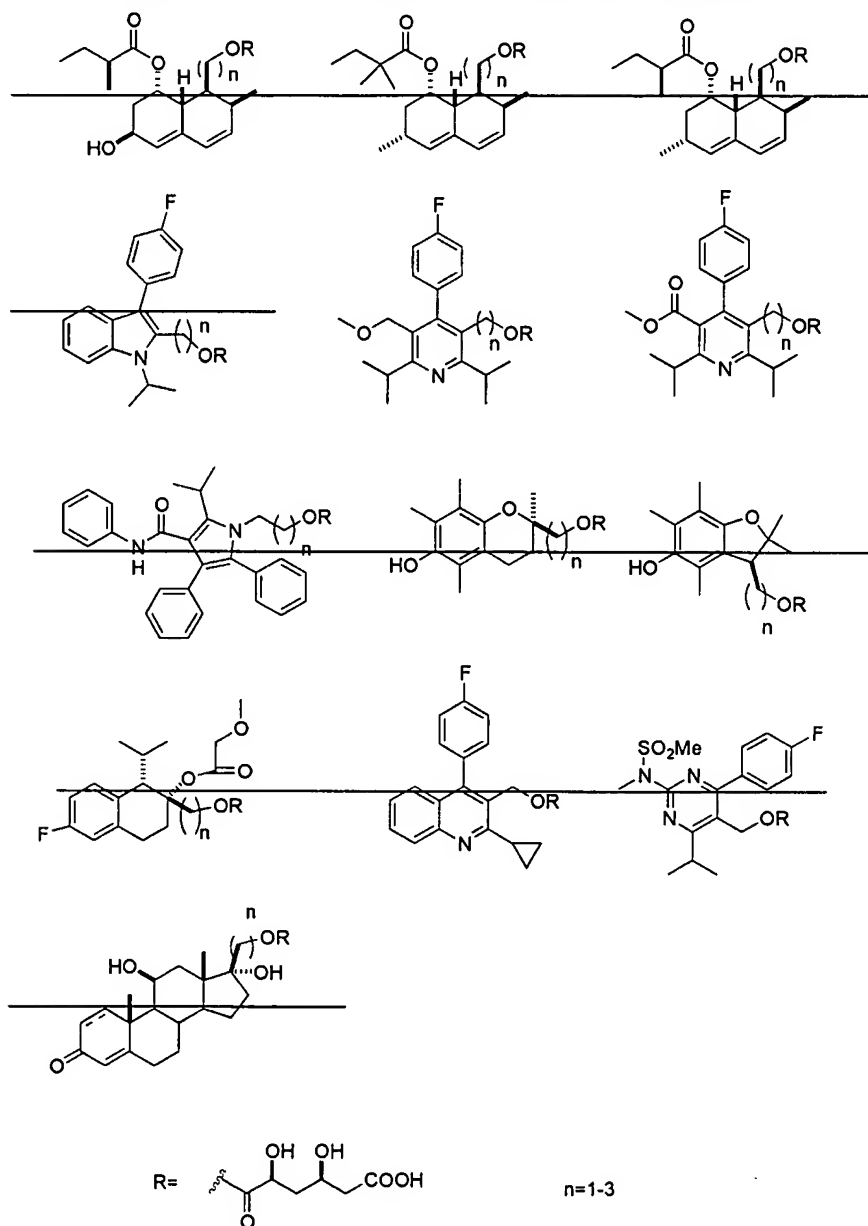
Claim 6 (Currently Amended). A pharmaceutical composition wherein said composition comprises a pharmaceutical carrier and a compound having a structure selected from the group consisting of:





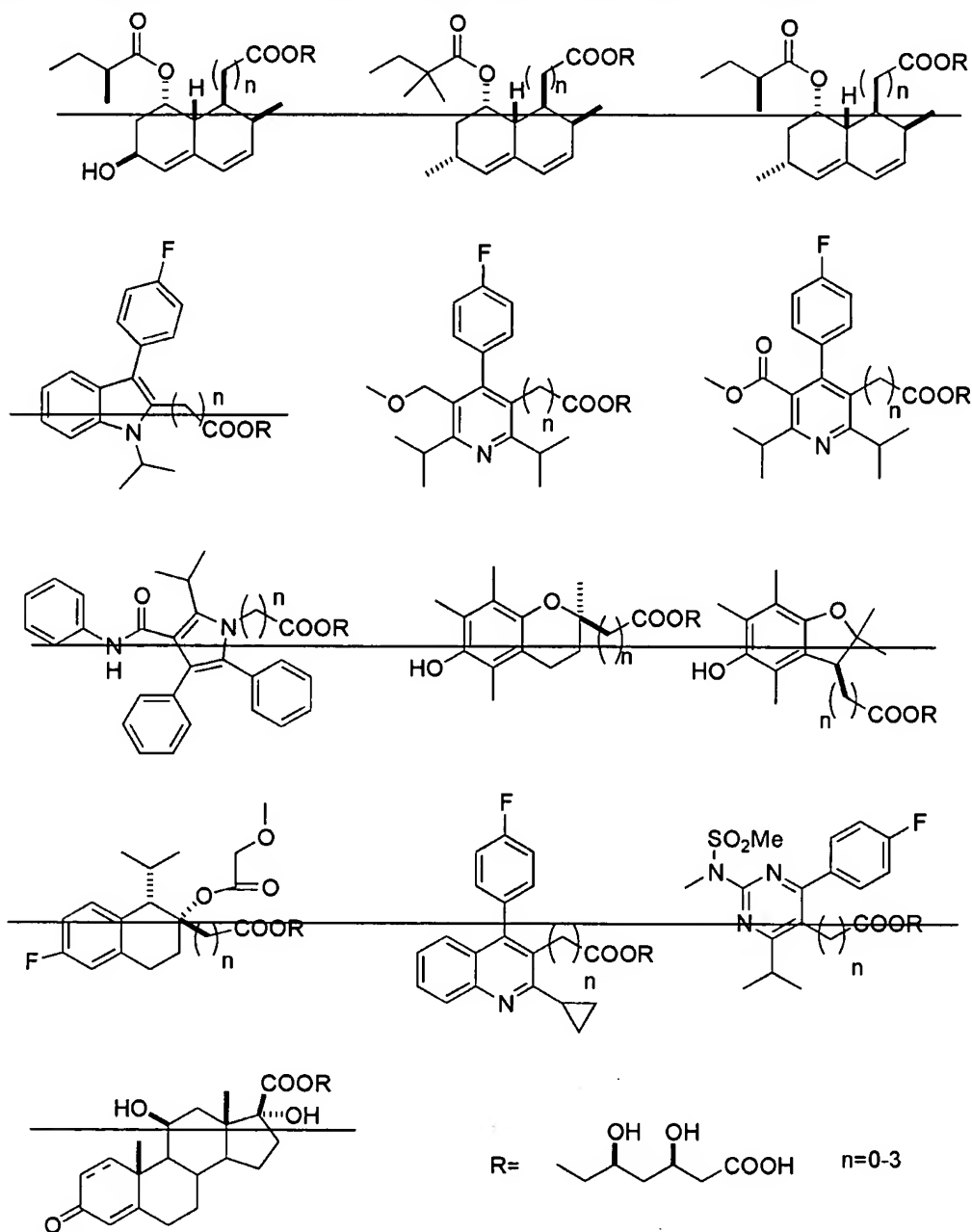
and salts thereof.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended). The pharmaceutical composition, according to claim 6, wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:



and salts thereof.

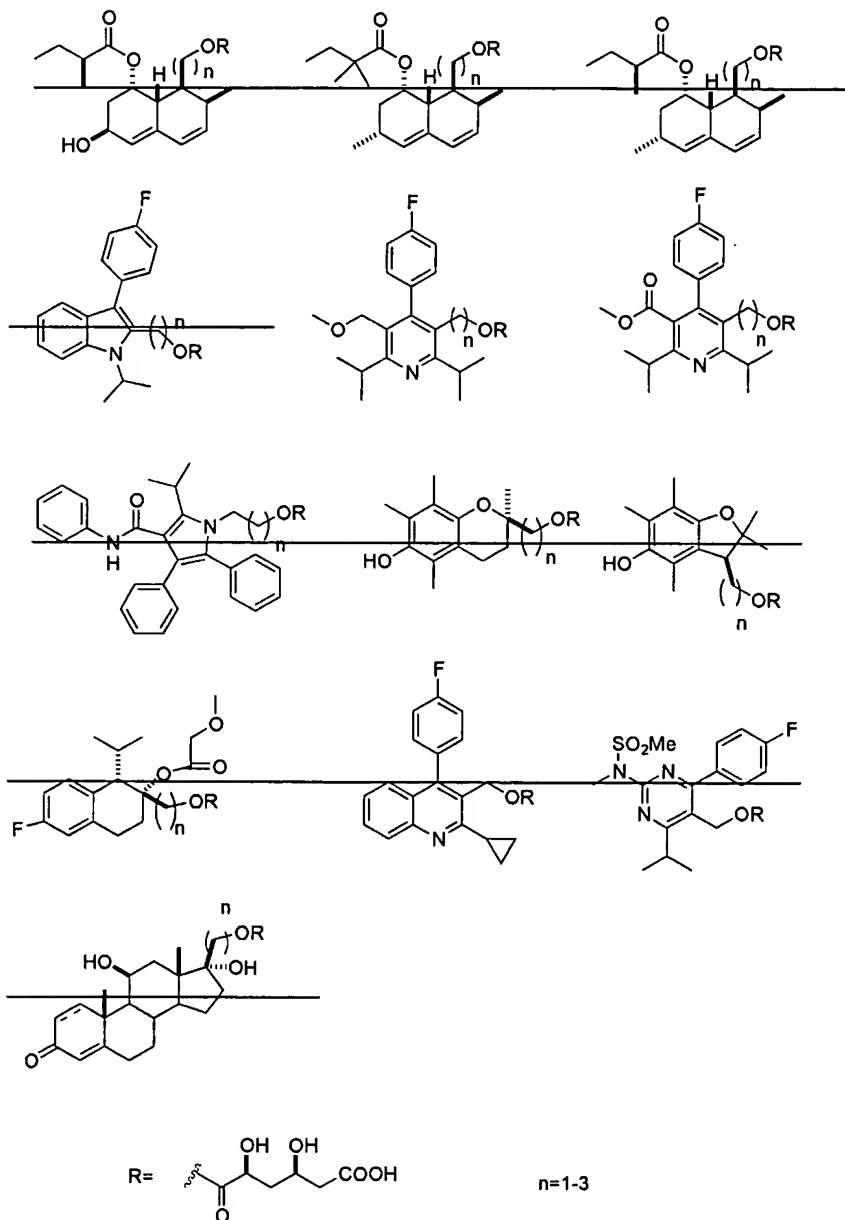
Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The pharmaceutical composition, according to claim 6, wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:

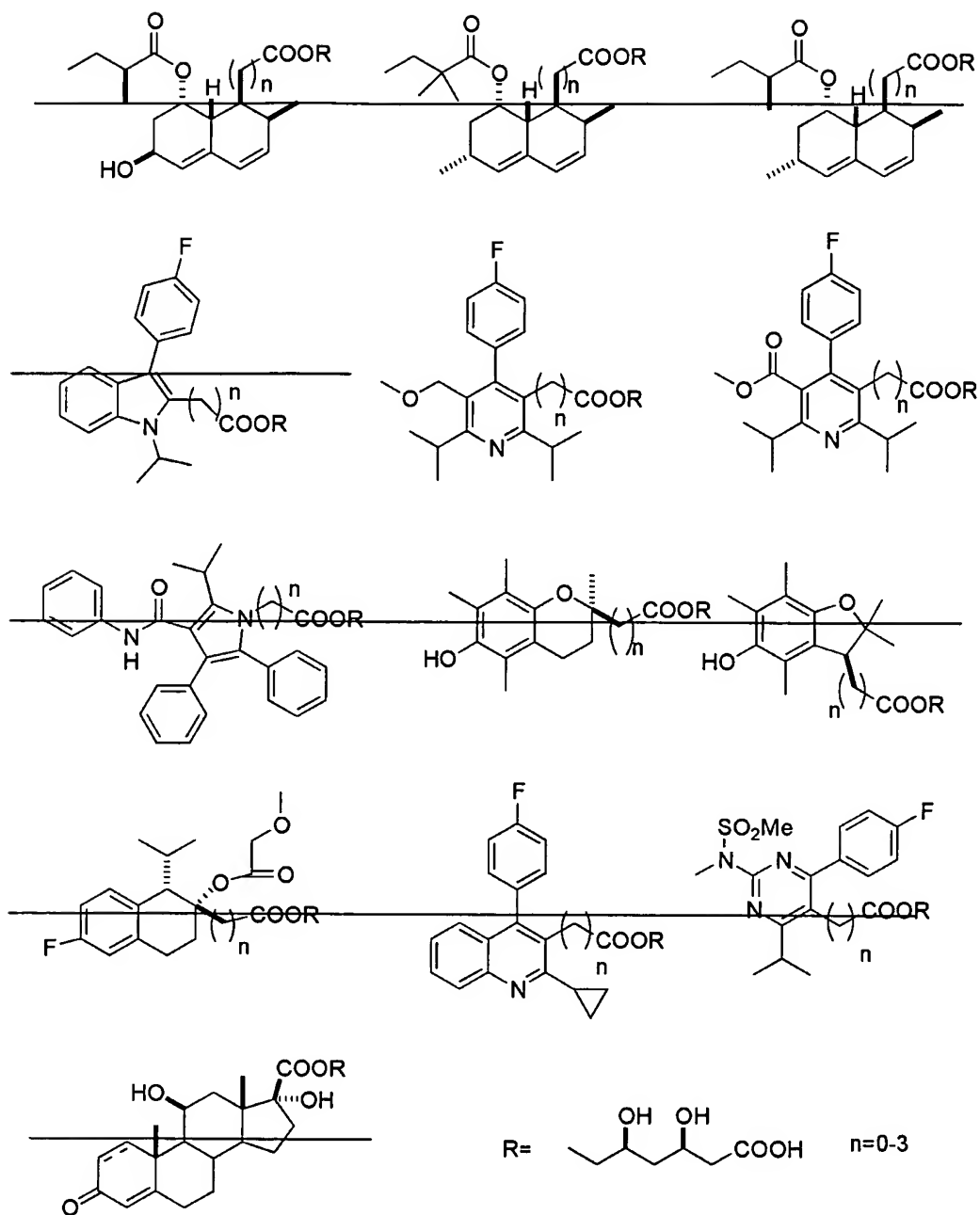


and salts thereof.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

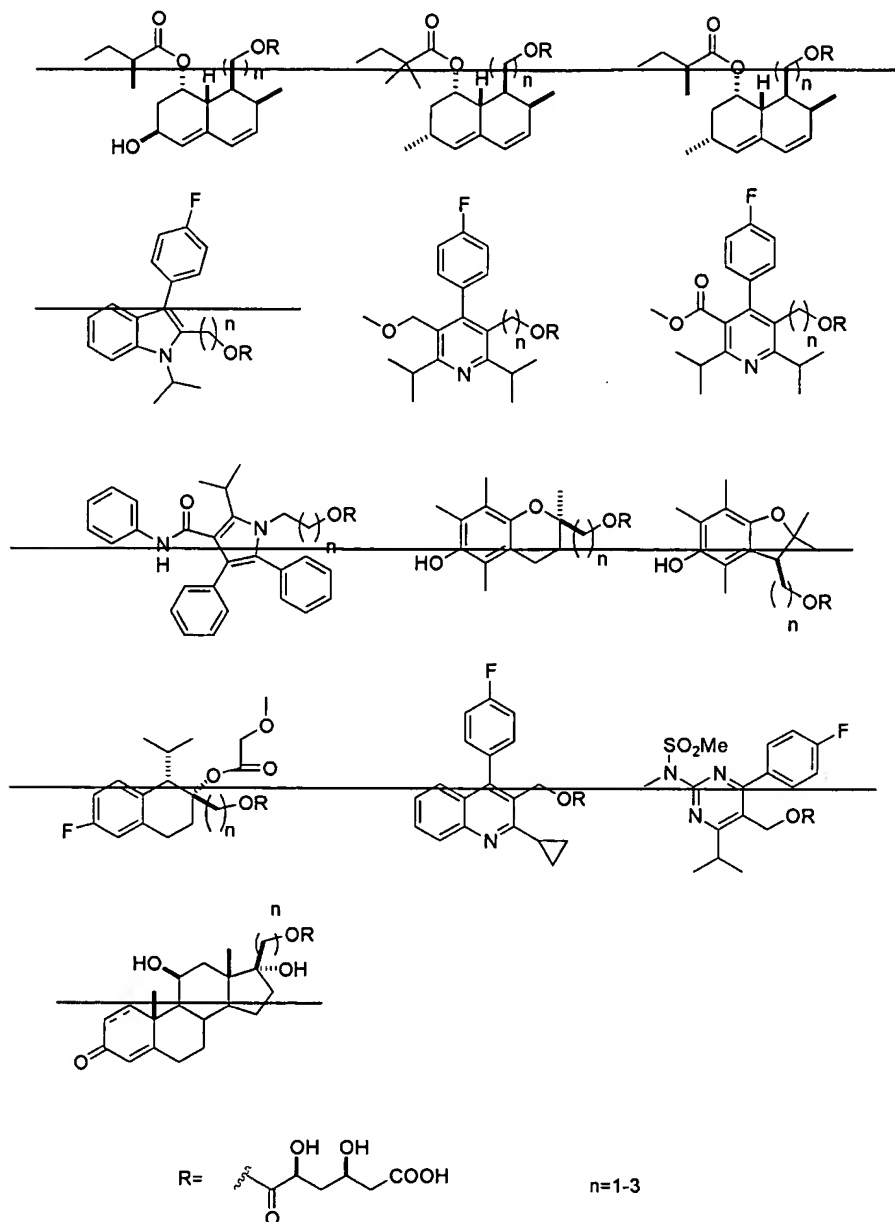
Claim 10 (Currently Amended). A method for inhibiting HMG-CoA reductase in an individual in need of such treatment wherein said method comprises administering to said individual a compound wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:





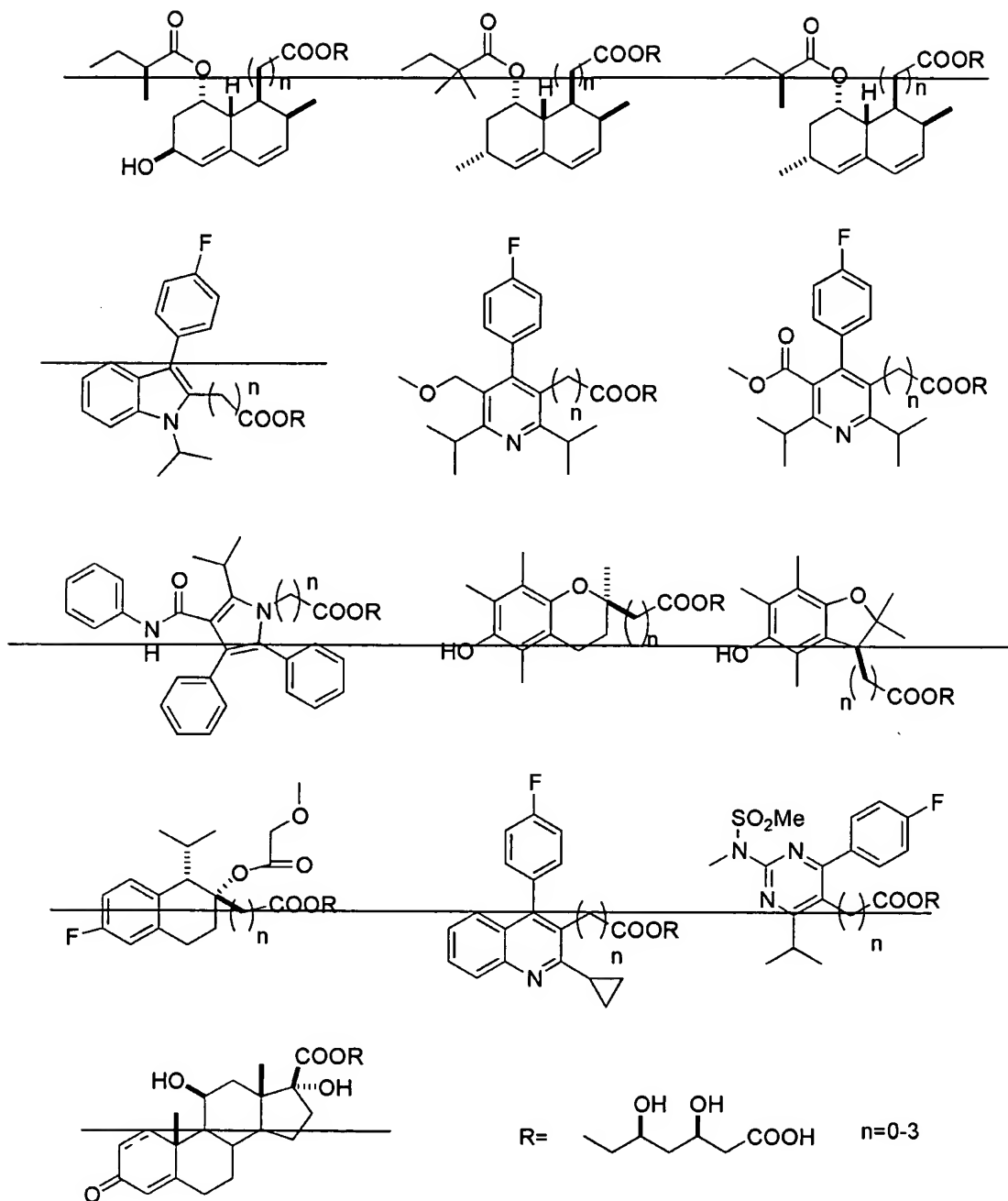
and salts thereof.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method, according to claim 10, wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:



and salts thereof.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended). The method, according to claim 10, wherein said compound has a structure selected from the group consisting of:



Claim 13 (Previously presented). The method, according to claim 10, wherein the individual is a human.

Claim 14 (Previously presented). The method, according to claim 10, wherein said method is used to lower cholesterol levels.